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Washington Initiative 502 Passage:

With voter's approval, which legalize up to one ounce of marijuana for adults 21 and older, there remains a lot of unanswered questions of the regulation and distribution of pot. Under federal law marijuana remains illegal.

High Caffeinated Beverages & Alcohol:

The rising trend of combining high-caffeinated beverages with alcohol concerns health professionals, college administrators and police. This combination may make people more likely to engage in impulsive behavior.

Hawkins Development:

Controversial Hawkins Development would invest county taxpayer money into a shopping center. The original Hawkins Agreement was created in May of 2008, and the commissioners signed the amendment to contribute additional money on January 3rd, 2012. Whitman county commissioners who originally supported the development amended the Hawkins agreement to contribute \$6 million more than the original amount of \$9.1 million. Some residents feel the county doesn't have the money to invest in the project.

Food Banks Food Shortage:

Idaho Food Bank supplies food for 34 partner agencies in Idaho. It costs around \$5,000 a month to keep shelves full. Clarkston Food Bank had bare shelves until donations and a grant from Bank of America helped out. Continual donations of food and money are needed monthly because the demand for food around the region is increasing.

Ten Mile Bridge Construction:

The Ten Mile Bridge construction has been a long and arduous process of completing the several years old project. The discovery of Nez Perce Tribal remains and artifacts had stopped the construction of the bridge. A lawsuit involving the Asotin County Commissioners and a landowner near the Ten Mile Bridge is still in progress.

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The Need to Address Washington State Initiative 502:

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 11/1/12, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:54

Description: KLEW News reported that Washington voters will decide if they want to legalize marijuana, when they head to the polls next week. "I'm convinced it's a gateway drug," said Clarkston Police D.A.R.E. Officer John Morbeck. If Washington voters decide to vote 'yes' for Initiative-502 next week, it'll no longer be a crime for adults 21 and over to possess up to one ounce of marijuana for personal use. It's a convoluted issue that has many voters torn. Campaign Director Alison Holcomb of New Approach Washington, a group supporting the initiative, says the Prohibition Act of the 1920's is a common parallel that's been used for the legalization of marijuana. "So what we're seeing is essentially a parallel to what happened with alcohol prohibition," said Holcomb. "We have a huge demand for this product that we have turned into a black market commodity and that's actually introducing more violence and less control into our communities." Clarkston Police Department D.A.R.E. Officer John Morbeck opposes I-502 and believes that lifting restrictions will be harmful to society. "Prohibition people talk about how bad that was, what a failure it was, but if you look at the actual usage of alcohol at that time, it was at an all-time low," said Morbeck. Another argument that's used against the proliferation of marijuana is how it leads people to use harder drugs like Heroin, Methamphetamine and Cocaine because they become de-sensitized to illegal activity. "I had a judge speak at one of my D.A.R.E. graduations and he talked about the hundreds of cases that go through his court and out of all those cases maybe two people didn't start by smoking marijuana," said Morbeck. "By separating marijuana from those harder drugs and bringing it under control in regulation we can actually create a wall and that would be a better strategy for preventing the harms that come along with people using those harder substances," said Holcomb. If the initiative is passed, Holcomb says stores modeled after old Washington liquor stores will be opened. Simple signage, distance from schools and one-way windows are a few of the restrictions these stores will face. But even if it passes, it'll still be illegal under the laws of the federal government. "Federal people can step in and arrest anybody at any time for possession of marijuana," said Morbeck. "What's important is to keep in mind where federal law enforcement agents are deployed," said Holcomb. "They're really focused on large, multinational criminal organizations as a prioritization issue." Holcomb says billions of dollars are funneled every year to violent criminal organizations that are responsible for over 55,000 men, women and children killed in Mexico due to drug-related activity. A couple proponents who've endorsed the issue include King County Sheriff Steve Strachan, and former U.S. Attorney John McKay. Some opponents include the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs and Head of the Snohomish County Drug Task Force Pat Slack.

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 11/6/12, 6:00p.m.
Duration: 2:08

Description: KLEW News reported that Washington Initiative 502 would legalize the production, distribution and possession of a small amount of marijuana, and it's a hot button issue in this election. Two other states, including Oregon and California are both seeking to legalize cannabis, regulate it and then tax the drug. Proponents of the initiative said it would generate a sufficient amount of revenue from the heavy taxing that can be used toward the deficit many states currently face. Opponents said marijuana is a gateway drug and would lead people to more illicit drugs like cocaine, methamphetamine and heroin. KLEW News talked with voters outside the Asotin County Auditor's office who are both for and against the passing of the initiative. "You know I think that there are ways that it could be good for the community but this one just didn't feel like the right way," said Asotin County Voter Zachary Williams. "I think if people want to smoke some marijuana, it's up to them," said Asotin County Voter Jim Bridges. "I personally don't, but I'm looking forward to reaping the benefits from the taxes." If the initiative passes, people ages 21 and over can carry up to one ounce of marijuana. However it's still illegal under federal law, so national law enforcement agents could arrest people, regardless of state law.

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 12/6/12, 6:00 p.m.
Duration: 0:50

Description: KLEW News reported that Tuesday night the Pullman City Council got up to speed on what Initiative 502 means for residents. Police Chief Gary Jenkins explained to the council that as of Thursday, December sixth, people over 21 will be allowed to possess small amounts of marijuana, but the legislation has some major limitations. For example, a person can get a DUI for driving under the influence of marijuana even if their blood THC concentration is lower than the legal limit of five Nano-grams per milliliter. "If we found someone driving, and they were driving erratically, and showed impairment, even if they were below a 5.0, that's still DUI," said Pullman Police Chief Gary Jenkins. Even though it will be legal to possess one ounce of dried marijuana, the Liquor Control Board has until December first of next year to adopt regulations for the production, distribution, and sales of it. That means that you can possess it, but it is still illegal to purchase. And there's still a zero-tolerance policy for people under the age of 21 to possess marijuana. Jenkins also mentioned that Initiative 502 had no effect on medical marijuana laws.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 11/15/12, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:23

Description: KLEW News reported that While the Washington State Liquor Control Board works on the regulations of Initiative 502, many are left wondering what's legal come December 6th. Since Initiative 502 was voted into law, confusion and misguided rumors have circulated throughout Washington as to what's legal and what can still get you thrown behind bars. Many people are now asking, 'does it matter where the marijuana comes from?' Asotin County Prosecutor Ben Nichols says it doesn't. "There's a sort of a belief out there, that marijuana must come from a licensed source," said Nichols. "The way the law is written, it doesn't make having untaxed or having unlicensed marijuana a crime." Take a look at this pack of cigarettes and you'll see a tax stamp. Without this stamp, these cigarettes would be illegal. With marijuana, as the initiative stands, you won't need a tax stamp or proof that it's from a state owned dispensary. So if someone over 21 is carrying less than an ounce of marijuana that's from a drug dealer, they can't get arrested. "The initiative provides the Washington State Liquor Control Board with a year to actually craft the rules and regulations that are going to govern that system," said Carpenter. "It's still very much up in the air, how that system will work." A spokesperson for the Washington State Liquor Control Board said Nichols is correct as of right now, however that may change as the law-making year goes on. A selling point for the initiative for many, stemmed from the perceived impact it would have on the War on Drugs in Mexico. However Nichols thinks it may have the opposite effect. "I don't think it's going to have any impact at all on the Mexican Cartels," said Nichols. "In fact it may make it easier for the illegal drug dealers and drug producers to sell their stuff in the state of Washington." It's still a felony to sell and distribute marijuana, but a buyer that's abiding by the confines of the initiative, is free to purchase marijuana from where ever they choose. "After December 6th, yeah you'll have to worry about getting it over the border," said Nichols. "But once you get it into the state of Washington you'll be able to move it fairly easily because people can possess it." The initiative is not forgiving to minors. Anyone under the age of 21 caught with any amount of marijuana is subject to arrest. And those over 21 years of age can be charged with a felony if they're caught in possession of more than 1.4 ounces of marijuana. The Washington State Liquor Control Board is updating their website as information is released regarding regulations. Just go to <http://liq.wa.gov/marijuana/I-502> to check it out.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 12/7/12, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:21

Description: KLEW News reported that Initiative 502 has gone into effect, KLEW decided to quiz some Washington State University students to their familiarity with the law. "You need to be 21 years of age in order to possess and hold up to 1.4 ounces," said WSU student Renee Maddex. "Okay, it's either six or two," said WSU student Kate Boothman. "You can have up to an ounce at a time," said WSU student Blake Jackson. One ounce of useable marijuana is the correct answer. And students seemed to understand that there's still a no-tolerance policy for people under 21.

"I don't think you can have it," said Boothman. "You can have an ounce on you, but that's only if you're 21," said WSU student Josh Miller. "If you're under 21, it's still illegal." Not everyone knew that that there still isn't a legal method of obtaining marijuana without a medical prescription. "Currently, you have to be 21 and there should be some sort of dispensary, a licensed sort of pharmacist," said WSU student Chris Lee. "At this point, there's really no legal way to get it," said Jackson. "There will be soon, but there's no tax stamp on any of the baggies yet, or any way you can buy it." But the students we talked to were all sure of one thing that pot still isn't allowed on campus. "Still a closed campus, as far as drugs and alcohol go on campus," said Lee. "And then it's not allowed in the dorms as well." "You're not allowed to smoke it on campus, even if it's legal if you're 21 and up," said WSU student Jordan Bush. "If you're in your house, you can have it and smoke it, but as far as keeping it on campus, you can't," said Jackson. "That's still the law." "Even if you have your green card, you're not allowed to have it, it's just a no go," said Miller. If you have questions about Initiative 502, you can check out the Pullman Police Departments press release about it on the KLEW News Facebook page.

The Need to Address Alcohol & High Caffeinated Beverages

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 10/26/12, 11:00 p.m.

Duration: 0:54

Description: KLEW News reported that a student organization at Washington State University staged a frightening simulation to remind their peers to be safe over the Halloween Weekend. Pullman firefighters and police officers responded to a deadly DUI accident on Thursday, right on the Washington State University campus in the middle of the day. "I totally thought this was real when I came out of the class," said WSU student Hana Kim. Thankfully, it wasn't a real accident. It was a simulation staged by GIVE, a philanthropic committee of the WSU student government. "We like to do the dramatic effect kind of thing because a lot of times people know the actors and the actresses and they walk by and they're like, 'Oh my gosh, and I know these people, this could happen to my best friend,'" said ASWSU-GIVE student Shawna Brennan. And the dramatic effect worked. Students passing through the Terrell Mall didn't know what to think. "I mean I walked out and I saw this and I didn't understand what happened," said Kim. "Like what... what could have happened that made this car that totaled? It's unbelievable." Even the actors were surprised at how much of an impact the simulation had. "I think that's what really shook me up is when I saw them screaming and crying, and heard myself, thinking if I was in that position it just would be unbearable," said WSU student Shannel Mullan. The DUI Stimulation was so realistic that it actually scared a lot of students. But it was all about reminding them to stay safe behind the wheel. "So the mock car crash is a simulation that we use every year, kind of to bring awareness right before Halloween weekend about drunk driving," said ASWSU-GIVE student Kristy Hornland. When Halloween comes around, students tend to get caught up in thinking about costumes and parties. GIVE hopes that this simulation will make them worry about a designated driver as well. "It's one of those things where if you can get people to have that severe of a reaction, they're going to hold it in their memory," said Hornland.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 10/31/12 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:24

Description: KLEW News reported that the Whitman County Coroner has confirmed that 18-year-old Kenneth Hummel died from alcohol poisoning. Hummel was found in bed in a Washington State University residence hall early Saturday morning. Two students performed CPR on Hummel while another called 911, however he was unresponsive. Hummel was transported to Pullman Regional Hospital and died in the emergency room. According to the coroner, his blood alcohol level was more than .4%, which is a lethal level. The Hummel family believes that combining alcohol with energy drinks may have attributed to their son's death. WSU officials have created a special task force to address binge drinking in reaction to Hummel's death.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 11/26/12, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 0:57

Description: KLEW News reported that Washington State University student Griffin Healey is still in critical condition at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane after he fell off a balcony early Sunday morning. Healey fell off a second story balcony at the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, which he is a member of. According to Pullman Police, he was trying to sit on the railing when he fell backwards and hit his head on some rocks. He was originally transported to Pullman Regional Hospital, and later brought to Sacred Heart in Spokane. Police said that Healey had been drinking.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 12/13/12, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:06

Description: KLEW News reported that college kids and drinking is hardly something new and unheard of. However when someone gets hurt, it's certainly worth looking into more closely. "One trend that's particularly emerged is that some students are drinking more," said WSU Health and Wellness Services Executive Director Bruce Wright. This semester, Washington State University saw a spike in alcohol-related tragedies. Three students fell off buildings, and in October, a student died in the dorms from alcohol poisoning. That's when WSU created a task force to combat unsafe drinking behaviors. "We're going to look in the residence halls, we're going to look out at the community as a whole, and really try to come up with a real comprehensive, multi-faceted approach," said Wright. The mixture of energy drinks and alcohol is one issue that the task force is looking at. "The caffeine in the energy drinks allows them to drink for longer period of time, and essentially stay upright for a longer period of time, which many times results in bad consequences," said Pullman Police Chief Gary Jenkins. "At two o'clock when the bars close, many people who have been drinking energy and alcohol drinks are now coming out very agitated, instead of being sleepy like the usual person if they're drunk," said Pullman Mayor Glenn Johnson. And so is the widespread sale of hard liquor in Washington. "What we know from national data is that a piece of what drives drinking is the availability," said Wright. "Just the simple availability of alcohol." The university can't control what students buy. But they can educate them in an attempt to change their relationship with alcohol. Professor Erica Austin is working with students immersed in Greek life to understand their attitudes toward drinking. "When students come to campus, they're not just coming and suddenly immersing themselves in whatever the culture is here," said WSU Communications Professor Erica Austin. "They're also coming with expectations." Austin is working separately from the task force, but she's focusing on the same issue... unsafe drinking. Next semester, the task force will review its current drinking policies and make suggestions to the president about what needs to be done on and off campus to combat dangerous drinking. According to officials on the WSU task force, only about 20% of students don't drink at all.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 12/5/12, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 2:35

Description: KLEW News reported that the FDA is currently conducting a probe into recent deaths that are allegedly associated with energy drinks. "I think that you've actually had more fun," said Sidelines Grille customer Erin O'Leary, who consumes energy drinks regularly. "It keeps me awake all night, which is good." Her friend Hailey Buker just turned 21, and while she doesn't think they're healthy, she understands the motives behind drinking the caffeine infused beverages. "If you're awake you can drink more alcohol," said Buker. It's a fad that's becoming increasingly scrutinized across the country. The FDA is now in the process of assessing the possible risk of drinking energy supplements, a probe that may change the energy drink business. "When energy drinks popped on the scene, give or take 14, 15 years ago, they became a solid part of the beverage industry." Greg Black is Veteran mixologist and beverage manager at Boomtown and Sidelines Grille, who's worked in Vegas night clubs for years. He says after serving thousands of people alcoholic drinks with Rockstars, Redbulls and Monsters he thinks it's the responsibility of the consumer to keep an eye on how wired they are getting. "It's a total tragedy what's happened, it really is. But that's people taking it to an extreme," said Black. According to the American Association of Poison Control Centers there have been nearly 3,000 poisonous exposures to energy drinks since January of this year. When asked if energy drinks may become illegal in the United States, Spokesperson Tamara Ward of the FDA said, "We can't speak to what may happen. What we can confirm is that we take this issue seriously and we have made it an FDA priority. If we find a relationship between consumption of the product and harm, FDA will take appropriate action to reduce or eliminate the risk." Because these drinks are considered dietary supplements, they are currently not regulated by the FDA. So there's no limit to the amount of caffeine that can go into the drinks. It's unknown at this time how long the probe by the FDA will take. An article by the AAPCC said of the approximately 3000 poisonous exposures to energy drinks this year, about 2/3 of those cases were children 18 years or younger. It's recommended that adolescents only consume 100 milligrams of caffeine a day, which is about the same amount as a cup of coffee.

The Need to Address Hawkins development

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 10/8/12, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:08

Description: KLEW News reported that both Latah and Whitman County will elect a new County Commissioner for District 1 in the upcoming election, and in Whitman County the race is between two Republicans. One of them is Art Swannack from Lamont, Washington. If elected, he hopes to find more efficient ways to spend the county's money, and he doesn't support the controversial Hawkins Development. "I oppose the idea of using public funds to help one private development," said Swannack. "I don't believe that's our position in government to support just one developer. Swannack also believes that the county commissioners need to make more of an effort to work together as a team. He said he feels that there is currently a lot of tension amongst the commissioners, and in their relationships with other branches of the county government. Swannack said he would work to resolve those issues in order to make the county government more successful. In the past, Swannack has served as a director for the Lamont School Board, as the Lamont Fire Commissioner, and as president of the Washington State Sheep Producers. Swannack is a lifelong resident of Whitman County and a WSU alumnus.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 11/5/12, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:20

Description: KLEW News reported that republican Dean Kinzer said that the commissioners' decision to increase funding for the development from \$9 to \$15 million is one of the main reasons why he is running to take over the Whitman County Commissioner District 2 position. He said the commissioners overlooked the fact that a government funded shopping center would hurt local businesses. "They didn't consider the fact that any government shouldn't be partnering with a private sector, unless there are no essential goods and services available in an area," said Kinzer. Kinzer said that businesses in the Hawkins Development would have an unfair advantage because other local businesses have to pay for their own infrastructure. Whitman County is currently burdened with a tight budget and Kinzer says he would try and solve that by looking into an efficiency audit to cut out any unnecessary spending in the budget. Kinzer is also concerned about the county roads, and if elected he would make sure that they are kept up in a better condition.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 10/17/12, 11:00 p.m.

Duration: 2:05

Description: KLEW News reported that voters gathered in the Whitman County Library Tuesday night to hear from all four county commissioner candidates on November's ballot. The issue that received the most attention was the Hawkins Development that would invest county money into a shopping center. All three Republican candidates were against it. "I thought it was a little like the build it and they will come theory, in that 'Let's build a big retail spot and we're sure somebody will show up,'" said Whitman County Commissioner District 1 Candidate Art Swannack. County Commissioner District Two Candidate Dean Kinzer said that the commissioners should have listened to the taxpayers, and to the paid advisers that the county has on staff. "Some of the advisers as a matter of fact said, 'This is a Las Vegas gamble' and that's exactly what it is," said Kinzer. The only supporter of the Hawkins Development was District Two Incumbent Pat O'Neill. He defended the commissioners and said that the county doesn't have many other options. "Bottom line is we had to have more revenue to keep this county operating," said O'Neill. O'Neill said that the shopping will bring more businesses into the county, which he believes means that more people will want to shop and live in Whitman County. However opponents of the development say that the county isn't attracting business because of its financial state. "Any business moving into this county is going to look at: Is it stable, or are they getting ready to jack taxes up because they're in the hole again," said Swannack. Swannack believes that business will come if the budget is solid, and the threat of higher taxes will scare them away. But no matter who's elected, they will face some serious challenges when tackling Whitman County's budget. "We're broke, we're broke, we're broke," said O'Neill.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 11/7/12, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 2:03

Description: KLEW News reported that two new faces will join the Whitman County Commission thanks to Tuesday night's election results. "It's a nice, sunny morning today," said District 1 Whitman County Commissioner-Elect Art Swannack. "It's been a good experience." Art Swannack beat fellow republican Bill Tensfeld for the District One position by a sizable margin, 56 to 44%. The race for District Two was an even larger landslide. Republican Dean Kinzer came out ahead of incumbent Pat O'Neill with more than 60% of the votes. "I was a little disappointed that I didn't win by a larger margin, but that's okay," said Kinzer. The commissioners-elect hope to improve the way that county employees work together. "There's a little animosity and tension built up between department heads and other elected officials, so I'm hoping we can mitigate that and smooth the ruffled feathers out a little bit," said Kinzer. "I believe between the commissioners, the morale has already changed," said Swannack. "You see a lot more happiness in Michael's face now." But being a Whitman County commissioner won't be all smiles. "You know, we've got some challenges we know that," said Swannack. "The Hawkins thing is still on our plate." Whitman County is already committed to funding the Hawkins Development, but both Swannack and Kinzer will work to amend the agreement to limit the amount of money that the county has to contribute. "I still don't agree with the whole Hawkins Development that commissioners Parch and O'Neill committed us to," said Swannack. "I'll have to talk with our attorney and others to find out what we can do about it at this point." "As far as paying for the infrastructure, I don't feel that's the county's job and it creates tension between other businesses in the county," said Kinzer. Now that the election is over, the commissioners have until January to prepare to tackle the large Hawkins controversy, on a very tight budget. Kinzer and Swannack will join District 3 Whitman County Commissioner Michael Largent, who is also a Republican.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 12/27/12, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 2:10

Description: KLEW News reported that Whitman county voters elected two new republican commissioners last November, and they were sworn into their positions Thursday morning. Two newly elected Whitman County Commissioners were sworn in Thursday morning at the Superior Courtroom in Colfax. Republican Art Swannack will take Greg Partch's position as the District One Commissioner. "You don't know how nervous you're going to be until you get up there," said Swannack. "And all of the sudden you have your arm in the air and you're going, 'I swear to do the job,' and then you're trying to remember the words as the guy's telling them to you." And republican Dean Kinzer will be the commissioner for District Two. He beat democratic incumbent Pat O'Neill in the November election. "You know, I'm very honored that we have this opportunity to serve Whitman County and it's exciting and I know it's going to be challenging also," said Kinzer. Balancing the county's budget is one of the challenges that the new commissioners will immediately face. "They approved the 2013 budget with about a \$200,000 deficit, which will either have to be back-filled by cash, reserve funds, or some cuts throughout the year," said Kinzer. The Hawkins Development is another. Neither Swannack nor Kinzer agreed with the previous commissioners' decision to fund a private development with the county's money, and both say they'll work to amend the agreement to limit the amount that the county has to contribute. "I haven't been brought up to speed on that, we won't be until we take our seats in office," said Kinzer. "And I think I'm planning to just take a very cautious, measured approach." The budget deficit and the Hawkins controversy will make this a difficult job for the newly elected officials, but they are both looking forward to learning the ropes. "I'd say the biggest thing on our plate is learning all of the little bit of knowledge that you need to know about being a county commissioner to do a good job that we don't know until we're in there," said Swannack. Swannack and Kinzer will be joining District Three Commissioner Michael Largent, who is also a Republican.

The Need to Address Food Banks Food Shortage

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 10/02/12, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:02

Description: KLEW News reported that The Idaho Foodbank asks for your help as the demand for food is especially high this time of year. Families struggling to keep food on the table often depend on local organizations just to make it through. Right now, the Idaho Foodbank is struggling to meet that need. Normally the Idaho Foodbank shelves an average of 150,000 pounds of food. Currently there is only 25,000 pounds, which - according to branch manager Chuck Whitman - is a serious problem. "It's going to be a tough winter so I hope that the public will respond to our local food drives and help out not only the Idaho Food Bank, but any of the food banks in their community that need your help," said Whitman. Whitman said food supply hasn't been this low in a number of years and encourages everyone to give back, even if it's just one item. There'll be a food drive this weekend at the Business Expo and Outdoor Show at the Nez Perce County Fair Grounds and next weekend at the Salvation Army's new location at 1220, 21st Street.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 11/09/12, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 0:51

Description: KLEW News reported that local radio stations Cat FM, Kool and Classic are having a little fun while holding a food and Turkey Drive for the Community Action Partnership Foodbank. For the past two days, three disc jockeys have been cooped up in a trailer on top of construction crates. And will be there through Saturday. The three DJ's currently occupy a 30-foot trailer in front of the Roger's Toyota lot on 21st Street while volunteers collect food and donations to help fill area food banks for area families in need. "Donate turkeys, donate food, just give to the poor," said volunteer Judy Robertson. "We've got a lot of people that need anything that you can give them. We'll take anything." So far community members have raised a total of \$500 and more than 125 turkeys. If you'd like to make a donation, volunteers will be collecting aid from 8:00 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 10/15/12, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 2:30

Description: KLEW News reported that the LC Valley community came together this weekend to raise money and give food to those in need. "We can do so much more together than we can do individually, separately," said event planner Michelle Schmidt. High gas prices and an unstable economy combine together as a recipe for a tight budget, especially when it comes to feeding a family. That recipe is why local churches and volunteers alike came together over the weekend in an effort to "Feed the 5,000." "They never know when they're the ones that are going to be needing it next," said church volunteer Tim Selph. "You know they say it's not going to happen to me, but now day the way things are it could happen to them. So it's always important to help their neighbors." Many L.C. Valley residents depend on local organizations and food banks for a hot meal. The Lewiston branch of the Idaho Foodbank through direct distribution and partner agencies distribute to about 3000 families each month. And Asotin County distributes to a little less with 425 families monthly. Nevertheless, it can become an extremely difficult task to accomplish when donations are down while the need is up. "Idaho Foodbank is distributing over 100,000 pounds a month out of my warehouse," said Lewiston Food Bank Branch Manager Chuck Whitman. "My warehouse is very empty because I'm turning my inventory as I receive it 100%."

In order to feed 5,000 people, 6,000 pounds of food is needed. That's on average 1.2 pounds of food per meal. "Donations are down naturally because people don't have it to give," said Asotin County Food Bank President Joanne Huntley. "We are in need. In order to make it through the winter food drives like these are going to be needed." Non-perishable food items were divided between Idaho Foodbank and the Asotin County food bank. All the cash donations go toward the backpack program, which helps feed the 300 plus school kids who may not have enough to eat at home on the weekends. "There are kids that are coming to school on Monday that really haven't eaten over the weekend," said event planner Michelle Schmidt. On the first day alone, over 2,700 pounds of food was raised. That's a number that many people say clearly displays the type of great community we live in. According to Whitman, over 7,000 pounds of food was raised and more than \$4,000 was given.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 11/26/12, 5:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:43

Description: KLEW News reported that demand for food around the region is increasing and the Idaho Foodbank needs your donations. Whether its food or money, Idaho Foodbank local Branch Manager Chuck Whitman said any little bit will help. At this point, food donations, especially shelf stable canned good items are a high priority for the food bank, which supplies enough food for 34-partner agencies. "People are thinking, they're realizing that a lot of families are struggling," said Whitman. "I would encourage people...just because Thanksgiving is tomorrow, the day after and next week keeps giving because we really need a lot of canned goods." Just 500 turkeys were distributed to the foodbank's partner "feeding sites," this Thanksgiving, which is 75% less than the 2,000 turkeys dispersed last year.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 11/27/12, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:06

Description: KLEW News reported that The Asotin County Food Bank is overflowing with food, thanks to local food drives and a grant from Bank of America. Over the past month, they've had a steady flow of donations and Tuesday morning they picked up a check for \$7,500 from the Bank of America Foundation. Former Treasurer James Haug said in September, the shelves were bare. They applied for a grant at that time, hoping for some help during the holiday season. The volunteers couldn't be happier with the way the food bank is currently stocked however Haug said unfortunately the supply won't last forever. "As a general rule this will probably disappear within a month," said Haug. "And so we rely a lot on food banks and monies we receive to replenish the supply." Haug said it costs about \$5,000 to keep the shelves full every month. The Bank of America Foundation has donated \$17,500 this year, to non-profit organizations in Asotin County alone.

The Need to Address Ten Mile Bridge

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 10/1/12, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:10

Description: KLEW News reported that Construction of the Ten Mile Bridge replacement project will resume this month. Several entities including The Nez Perce Tribe, Washington State Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, the Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation and the Asotin County government have been working together to create a memorandum of agreement. The parties came together when construction was halted, because cultural remains were discovered at the construction site.

Public Works Director Jim Bridges said they're holding a pre-construction meeting this week with the contractors. "If it goes well they will start mobilizing their crews immediately and then with construction it would begin about the 15th," said Bridges. The memorandum outlines seven stipulations that must be followed for all entities to be in agreement. The state and federal government will pay \$10,000 to the Nez Perce Tribe to cover costs associated with the re-interment of the remains found. Seven acres of land in Asotin County will also be set aside for any current and future cultural remains to be buried.

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Date/Time: 10/12/12, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:04

Description: KLEW News reported that Richard Eggleston is seeking further damages in his lawsuit against Asotin County regarding the Ten Mile Bridge. Eggleston's Attorney Todd Richardson said they're asking a judge in Walla Walla Superior Court to amend their original suit and add further complaints. Richardson said they've submitted more public records requests in the past few months and have not received the information they've asked for. "Once again they have chosen now to ignore the law," said Richardson. "And once again they have violated it. So now we're trying to bring that to the attention of the court." Richardson said the judge can impose a fine of up to \$100 a day, for every day that a public records request goes unanswered. The original suit tallies up more than 10,000 days of possible penalties, and the amendment would add 381 more days to the list. Eggleston is suing the county, regarding public records requests concerning the Ten Mile Bridge that were unfulfilled stemming all the way back to 2004.

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Date/Time: 11/1/12, 11:00 p.m.

Duration: 2:04

Description: KLEW News reported that the Ten Mile Bridge has been a sensitive subject for many in the community. The construction of the project has proved to be an arduous process after cultural remains were found on the construction site in 2010, causing the bridge to remain unfinished for quite some time and a local resident to pursue a lawsuit against the county. And now the construction process may experience yet another setback following the discovery of what is believed to be a bone fragment. "It appears that they found a possible bone fragment they don't know if it's human or animal," said Asotin County Public Works Department Project Manager Craig Miller. Upon finding the fragment, the Inadvertent Discovery Plan, written out in the Memorandum of Agreement between multiple agencies that include Asotin County and the Nez Perce Tribe was put into action. They halted construction for a 100-yard radius around the finding, then called a coroner and an archaeologist from the Nez Perce Tribe to take a look at the area. "So now they will not work there for awhile until they determine is any other bone fragments are there," said Miller. Late this summer, the entities involved all sat down and were able to write up the Memorandum of Agreement, which revised the construction plans and provided a compensation agreement for the Nez Perce Tribe. Miller said they're taking extra care to make the project fits it's natural surroundings as much as possible, per the agreement with the Tribe. "I guess I'd say the history of this land means a lot to the Nez Perce Tribe that they wanted it to be treated to the best," said Miller. Just as Miller was explaining the importance of the construction site, it got quiet because the tractors were all shut off. We raced over to the archaeologists who're monitoring the site. "They're with the Nez Perce tribe and what they're doing is they are monitoring all of the earth work and the excavation activities," said Miller. That's when the two workers said they found what could be a bone fragment. A tribal monitor who was on scene believes the remains are human, however construction will move forward. The Asotin County Sheriff's Department and the Nez Perce Tribal archaeologist gave their approval.

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Date/Time: 11/08/12 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:07

Description: KLEW News reported that more human bone fragments have been found in the Ten Mile Bridge construction area. Project Manager Craig Miller of the Asotin County Public Works Department said that once the fragments were found, tribal archeologists, the Asotin county coroner, and sheriff's office were all called to the scene. After the bones were determined to be non-forensic, the Washington State Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation collected them as per state law. Once they've finished studying the fragments they'll come back to the Nez Perce Tribe to be re-interred at their discretion. The tribal monitors at the scene will continue to examine the construction zone. "That is what they do when any bone fragments are found then they work the area," said Miller. Just trying to sift and see if there are any other fragments in the area." Miller said there are some tribal members who are direct descendants of people who once lived along the Ten Mile Bridge and Ten Mile Creek drainage along the Snake River, so any disruption to their ancestors is considered a very serious matter for all parties involved.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 12/10/12, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 0:56

Description: KLEW News reported that Asotin County Commissioners approved an agreement allowing monitors and archeologist's permission to be on the grounds of construction for the Ten Mile Bridge. The Cultural Resources Contract with the Nez Perce Tribe provides the construction site with the necessary personnel for any potential inadvertent discovery of remains or artifacts. In-field services will cost the county up to \$64,000, which is reimbursable through project funding. "We have about two-week's worth of work left which would bring the project to the point where all we would have to do is pave it in the Spring," said Asotin County Public Works Director Jim Bridges. Bridges said while the road remains unpaved, it will also be monitored and more rocks will be placed on the bridge. Additional maintenance will be performed as time goes by and more traction becomes necessary. Paving is scheduled to begin in April so those driving in the area should expect a substantial reduction in the speed limit until then.